



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington, DC 20240

IN REPLY REFER TO:
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Via email: 75370-23135911@requests.muckrock.com

Jimmy Tobias
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Dear Mr. Tobias:

On June 14, 2019, you filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking the following:

Any and all written or electronic communications, including email attachments and meeting notes or schedules, between Karen Budd-Falen and any agent, representative, board member, employee or official with the Wyoming Natural Resource Foundation, an organization for which Budd-Falen was formerly a member of the board of directors. This request seeks records produced since Ms. Budd-Falen joined the Interior Department.

On June 17, 2019, we acknowledged your request and advised you of your fee status under the FOIA. We are writing to respond to your request on behalf of the Office of the Secretary. After a search reasonably calculated to uncover all relevant documents, it has been determined that the Office of the Secretary has no records responsive to your request.

Clarice Julka, Office of the Secretary, FOIA Officer, is responsible for this denial.

You may appeal this response to the Department's FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer. If you choose to appeal, the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer must receive your FOIA appeal **no later than 90 workdays**. Appeals arriving or delivered after 5 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, will be deemed received on the next workday.

Your appeal must be made in writing. You may submit your appeal and accompanying materials to the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer by mail, courier service, fax, or email. All communications concerning your appeal should be clearly marked with the words: "FREEDOM

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OF INFORMATION APPEAL." You must include an explanation of why you believe the Office of the Secretary's response is in error. You must also include with your appeal copies of all correspondence between you and Office of the Secretary concerning your FOIA request including your original FOIA request and Office of the Secretary's response. Failure to include with your appeal all correspondence between you and Office of the Secretary will result in the Department's rejection of your appeal, unless the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer determines (in the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer's sole discretion) that good cause exists to accept the defective appeal.

Please include your name and daytime telephone number (or the name and telephone number of an appropriate contact), email address and fax number (if available) in case the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer needs additional information or clarification of your appeal.

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For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of FOIA. See [5 U.S.C. 552\(c\)](#). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist."

The 2007 FOIA amendments created the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road - OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001
E-mail: ogis@nara.gov
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Please note that using OGIS services does not affect the timing of filing an appeal with the Department's FOIA & Privacy Act Appeals Officer. If you have any questions regarding any of the issues discussed in this letter, you may contact Cindy Sweeney by phone at 202-513-0765, by fax at 202-219-2374, by e-mail at os_foia@ios.doi.gov, or by mail at U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C St, NW, MS-7328 MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240.

You also may seek dispute resolution services from our FOIA Public Liaison, Clarice Julka.

Sincerely,

Clarice Julka
Office of the Secretary
FOIA Officer